

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. Equipment for a digital video disc, comprising:
a memory in which key data associated with information on a digital video disc
is recorded in advance; and
means for processing the information on said digital video disc using said key
5 data read from said memory; wherein
random data is written around said key data in said memory.
2. The equipment for a digital video disc according to claim 1, wherein
said key data is an encryption key for equipment for encrypting and recording
the information on said digital video disc.
3. The equipment for a digital video disc according to claim 2, wherein
said key data is a decryption key for equipment for decrypting the information
read from said digital video disc.
4. The equipment for a digital video disc according to claim 1, wherein
said key data is a decryption key for equipment for decrypting the information
read from said digital video disc.
5. A method of recording in advance prescribed information to be protected
against unauthorized access in a memory, comprising the steps of:
writing said prescribed information in an unused area of said memory; and
writing random data in an area within said unused area adjacent to said
5 prescribed information written in said step of writing.
6. The method of recording prescribed information according to claim 5,

wherein

said memory is mounted on equipment for a digital video disc, and

said prescribed information is key data associated with information on a digital

5 video disc.

7. The method of recording prescribed information according to claim 5,

wherein

said prescribed information is a password.

8. An apparatus for recording in advance prescribed information to be protected against unauthorized access in a memory, comprising:

means for writing said prescribed information in an unused area of said memory; and

5 means for writing random data in an area within said unused area adjacent to said prescribed information written in said step of writing.